

ZACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Motto: “Together We Inspire”

Vision: Ensure high levels of learning for all students.

Mission: We commit to do our best to encourage, inspire and meet each child’s needs.



Picture taken Friday, September 30th with our ‘Sko Ridge shirts. We love our Zach school family!

April 20th Memo

Monday, April 24th



Tuesday, April 25th

- 9:00am-12:00pm: CMAS Make-up

Wednesday, April 26th

- 9:00am-12:00pm: CMAS Make-up

Thursday, April 27th

- 9:00am-12:00pm: 4th-Grade Field Trip; The Ranch
- 5:00-6:00pm: 2nd Grade Art Show

Friday, April 28th

- 9:15-11:45am: 3rd Grade Field Trip; Lincoln Center

Picnic on the Playground

Please join us for the first annual "Picnic on the Playground" event for our entire school community on Thursday, May 4th from 2:45-4:30pm. We so enjoyed celebrating Zach's 20th anniversary last year, that we thought we would tweak the event and make it a tradition! We are going to have four food trucks available (Mama Perez; Corndoggies; Fork Yeah; and Kona Ice) or you can bring a picnic from home for your family. We'll have the entire grass area by the playground available for picnicking and hanging out. Join us to connect with one another and celebrate the 2023-24 school year!

Last Day of School

The last day of school for 2022-2023, May 26, will be a half day for students. Students will be released 3.5 hours early at 11:13am. Bagged breakfasts will be served. No lunch will be served on May 26.

Parents on Duty

Mission- To provide added presence and extra resources during recess supervision.

Goal- To help maintain a secure space during recess hours and monitor for safety issues such as unauthorized persons on the playground, safety concerns, etc.

How- The purpose of the Parents on Duty would be:

- Monitor playground during recess.
- Serve as an extra presence and set of eyes during outside recess.
- Alert administrators or available teachers to concerns of safety.

Who- Any parent or guardian of Zach elementary student who has signed up to volunteer thru PDS website.

Parents on Duty General information

- Any parent who is interested in helping to add an extra presence to the elementary school during school hours needs to follow standard volunteering guidelines from the school district. Contact the main office if you have questions.
- Please note that the first time you volunteer for this program, you will need to arrive 15 minutes early for a "training" with Angel or Jason.
- The main objective is to provide additional safety to our children.
- Volunteer sign up slots can be accessed thru Sign Up Genius.
- This is a pilot program that will start with extra monitoring during recess times. If program is successful, hopefully the hours and numbers of volunteers can be expanded.

Daily Schedule

- Volunteer hours will be Monday thru Friday
- Pilot program will have 2 one hour time slots from 10:40 to 11:40 and 11:40 to 12:40
- Please check in at the front office for check in

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa8ad2ca7f4c07-pilot/11534389#/>

Suicide Prevention Training Sessions (Attachments)

Did you know that suicide is preventable and that talking to someone about it won't trigger the act? Or that you can practice having these incredibly difficult but life-saving conversations?

Parents/guardians and community members are invited to attend one of three QPR (question, persuade, and refer) training sessions on Saturday, April 29. Register for the training by clicking on a link to this form: forms.gle/apdCkYr5tzCApEfh6.

From the Counselor

Camp Braveheart

Registration is now open for Camp Braveheart: A Retreat for Grieving Youth. Camp Braveheart is a day camp for youth ages 5-11 who are grieving the loss of a parent, sibling, or other close family members. Youth will have the opportunity to share feelings and memories with other children who have experienced a similar loss. Campers will leave with a renewed sense of self and coping skills that will help them manage grief in everyday life. The camp is June 24 from 9:00-3:00. Please contact Three Hopeful Hearts at (970) 430-6136 for more information.

Online Safety Resources:

We wanted to share some resources following our online safety lesson from the Crawford Center in our 4th and 5th grade classrooms. These are resources for you as family members to support conversation or learning around this topic.

Family resource for guiding conversations with children around online safety:

[Common Sense Media Online Safety Tips and Articles for Parents](#)

National reporting line for unsafe online behavior. This tipline will connect with local law enforcement:

[Cyber Tipline](#)

Anonymous reporting for any safety related concern:

[Safe To Tell](#)

Lost and Found

Lost and found will be put outside the front office before and after school on 4/26 and 4/27.

Messages from the PTO

May Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week events:

Monday 5/8: Thanks for helping me grow: Please bring flowers/seeds or plants to give to your teacher and staff members.

Tuesday 5/9: "Let's taco bout" our favorite staff: Taco Lunch. Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0948A8A62BA02-staff3>

Wednesday 5/10: Write your teacher/staff a note or draw them a picture thanking them for an awesome school year.

Thursday 5/11: A build your yogurt parfait will be provided as a special treat for Zach Staff. And help our learning community do what they do best by bringing in books/supplies to donate: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1VBPDDNPVAGLW?ref=wl_share

Friday 5/12: Wear your teacher's favorite color/Zach spirit gear. And help your heart grow by showing an act of kindness to a friend or staff.

PTO General

PTO needs a new board member for next year. We are recruiting for our open secretary position. Responsibilities include taking attendance and minutes at our monthly meetings as well as helping to create our volunteer sign-ups. If interested, please email us at zachpto@gmail.com .

PTO needs help incorporating a new book into our annual 4th grade book bowl competition. We need volunteers to read and make questions for our new book, Pax by Sara Pennypacker Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B49ABA62EA4FF2-book1>

Interested in getting more involved with Zach Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)? Please consider signing up for a committee during the 2023 school year here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B49ABA62EA4FF2-ptoactivities>

Our next meeting will be on May 10th at 12:00-12:45pm. This will be a virtual only meeting. Please find the link to join the meeting at:

<https://zac.psdschools.org/pto-and-sac>

Zach Enrichment Fund (ZEF)

Dear Zach Parents,

Zach's long history of student success can be attributed to our wonderful teachers and staff, parental involvement, and to the annual financial contributions families make to the Zach Enrichment Fund (ZEF). The ZEF supplements district and state funds by raising classroom budgets and supporting grants for teachers throughout the year that directly benefit your child. In the past, ZEF funds have paid for Reading Eggs & Math Seeds curricula, laptops, science materials, the Renaissance Festival, and so much more.

The PTO is making adjustments to the ZEF fundraiser in an effort to raise more money, create grade and class unity, and involve the greater Zach community. This fall, it will be changed to the Zach Enrichment FUNd RUN. Students will participate in a celebratory fun run at school and raise money by asking family and friends to sponsor them by donating to the ZEF. Along the way, students will have opportunities to win individual prizes, class prizes, and grade prizes. We know with your involvement and support, we can make it hugely successful and create a fun tradition students look forward to every year!

Stay tuned for more details about the Zach Enrichment FUNd RUN coming this fall and the many ways the money raised will enrich the educational experience of every student.

If you would like to help with this important fundraiser, please email zachpto@gmail.com.

Zach Drinking Water (Attachment)

Please see attached letter regarding Zach's drinking water.

Reminders

PSD Literacy Adoption

Starting with the 2023-24 school year, the majority of PSD elementary schools will use a new elementary literacy curriculum. The new curriculum resource, adopted by the Board of Education on Tuesday, is called Imagine Learning EL Education K-5. It will be used in all of our elementary schools except for Core Knowledge schools and dual language immersion schools; these schools will have their own literacy curriculum to meet their unique needs.

- Bethke, O'Dea, Traut, and Zach will use Amplify CKLA Skills K-2
- Harris and Irish will continue to use McGraw-Hill Wonders and Maravillas as English/Spanish companion programs

Thanks to hundreds of hours of work by our Literacy Materials Review Team, elementary school leaders, Teaching and Learning team, parents/guardians and many others, this K-5 adoption will provide direction and improve literacy instruction and student learning across PSD for the next decade.

Imagine Learning EL Education K-5 is a nationally recognized, teacher-developed curriculum that offers hands-on, multi-sensory activities and high quality texts. You can find more information posted on the [PSD Elementary Literacy Materials Adoption web page](#) and in this [YouTube clip of Tuesday's Board of Education presentation about literacy curriculum](#).

Thank you for your support and partnership as schools make this significant change to provide the best instruction possible to students. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or need support – now or in the months ahead.

Save the Date

We are working on putting together a "Picnic on the Playground" for our school community on Thursday, May 4th from 2:45-4:30pm. We are going to have some food trucks available or you can bring a picnic from home for your family. We'll have the entire grass area by the playground available for picnicking and hanging out. Join us to hang out and celebrate the 2023-24 school year!

Not Returning to Zach for 2023-24 School Year

Please let the office know if your student(s) are not returning to Zach for the next school year. It helps us with class placement and preparation for classroom needs.

Bike Donations

If your family has any kindergarten-size bikes that you are no longer using, please donate them to Zach! We love getting the kindergarteners riding bikes during recess. We are looking for bikes without training wheels and strider bikes. Bikes can be dropped off before or after school at the kindergarten classroom doors.

Kindergarten Open House (Attachment)

It's hard to believe we are thinking about the 2023-24 school year, although we are looking forward to meeting all our new kindergarteners! Join us for our Kindergarten Open House on Thursday, May 11th between 4:00-5:15pm. If you cannot make it at that date/time, feel free to sign up for one of two later tour options [HERE](#). We encourage everyone to make the original open house, since the teachers and administration will be there to meet your children, but we understand that conflicts happen during this busy time of year. We look forward to your joining our school community, and please don't hesitate to reach out to our main office at 970-488-5100 if you have any questions.

Pack Pantry (Attachment)

Please see flier for more information.

Register to Volunteer

PSD requires all persons volunteering in the classroom, be registered as volunteers. Please click on the link below to register.
<https://www.psdschools.org/community/volunteers>

Important Upcoming Dates

5/2: 4th Grade Field Trip- Centennial Village: 9:00am-2:00pm; Greeley
5/2: Choir Concert: 6pm; FRHS
5/3: Kindergarten Music Program: 5:30pm; FRHS
5/4: 2nd Grade Field Trip- Gardens on Spring Creek: 9am-12:45pm; Fort Collins
5/4: Picnic on the Playground: 2:45-4:30pm; Zach Playground
5/15: No School-Staff Work Day

5/16: 1st Grade Field Trip-Denver Zoo: 9:00am-2:00pm
5/17: Kinder Field Trip-CSU Environmental Learning Center: 10:15am-12:15pm
5/19: Hollywood Awards-1st Grade: 8:30-10:15am
5/23: Kinder Blast: 8:30-10:30am, 12:30-2:15pm; Radiant Park
5/24: 3rd Grade Field Trip-Larimer County Landfill & Recycle Center: 10:20am-1:30pm
5/24: Field Day-K-2: 12:45-2:30pm
5/25: Second Grade Field Trip-Radiant Park: 12:30-1:45pm
5/25: Field Day-3-5: 12:45-2:30pm
5/26: Last Day of School-Half Day: Dismissal 11:13am
5/26: 5th Grade Promotion: 10am; doors open at 9:30am Flex Room/Gym

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- 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Fossil Ridge High School, 5400 Ziegler Road, in Fort Collins
- 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at Poudre Valley Hospital, 1024 S. Lemay Ave., in Fort Collins
- 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Rocky Mountain High School, 1300 W. Swallow Road, in Fort Collins

QPR training is about three simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. These sessions are made possible through a partnership between The Alliance for Suicide Prevention and Leadership Fort Collins, which is associated with the Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce.

Just as people trained in CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help.

A cohort of the 2022-2023 Leadership Fort Collins class (Cindy Crosby, Nick Armstrong, Travis Trottier, Andrea Coy, and Dr. Erika Michalski) recognized PSD's efforts to address mental health concerns among our youth and wanted to provide support. They partnered with the Alliance for Suicide Prevention of Larimer County to offer a collection of QPR trainings for parents and community members seeking practical tools they can use if they encounter someone in crisis.

PSD is thankful for its many community partners that work to support our students and staff.

“**IT'S REALLY
NOT A BIG DEAL.**”

UNTIL IT IS.

**JOIN US TO LEARN HOW TO
PREVENT SUICIDE.**

**IT'S EASY AND FREE TO
LEARN HOW TO SAVE A LIFE.**

APRIL 29

3 OPTIONS FOR TRAINING:

**9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
@ FOSSIL RIDGE HS**

**11:15 AM - 12:45 PM
@ POUDRE VALLEY HOSPITAL**

**1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
@ ROCKY MOUNTAIN HS**

VISIT
ALLIANCEFORSUICIDE
PREVENTION.ORG
OR SCAN THIS QR CODE
TO RSVP:



Interested but can't attend? Visit
AllianceForSuicidePrevention.org for future training opportunities.



Alliance for

SUICIDE PREVENTION

of Larimer County





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JUNE 15 -17, 2023

SKY CORAL RANCH

8233 OLD FLOWERS RD
BELLVUE, CO 80512

\$100 DEPOSIT



SCAN ME

JUNE 24, 2023

9:00AM- 3:00PM

REALITIES FOR
CHILDREN

1610 S COLLEGE AVE.
FORT COLLINS, CO 80525

\$50 DEPOSIT



SCAN ME



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT WWW.3HOPEFULHEARTS.COM

About 3Hopeful Hearts



Each year in the United States, over 650,000 families will be impacted by the tragic loss of a baby or child. 3Hopeful Hearts provides Hope to the bereaved families of any age child loss or cause of northern Colorado. 3Hopeful Hearts provides bereaved parents and families opportunities to honor, find hope, and seek healing through grief companionship. All funds raised during these events goes directly to serve families in our community. 3Hopeful Hearts no cost services to bereaved families is supported solely by private donations and grants. 3Hopeful Hearts is a non-profit 501(c)3.



Dear Zach Families:

I am happy to report that all of our water fixtures tested BELOW both state thresholds for lead content during recent, state-required water testing at Zach. This means that our school's drinking and food preparation water is safe and healthy to drink.

You may be wondering why our school was tested for lead. All licensed childcare centers, preschools, and elementary schools in Colorado are required to test their drinking water for lead before May 31 this year in accordance with Colorado House Bill 22-1358: Clean Water in Schools and Child Care Centers, which Gov. Polis signed into law last June.

The law requires schools to perform remediation measures if fixtures test positive for lead levels in drinking water above a legal threshold. The Environmental Protection Agency's action level for lead in drinking water is 15 parts per billion (ppb), but our state has adopted a stricter threshold of 5 ppb.

Again, none of our fixtures tested at these levels.

Safety is our top priority, and we are communicating with you in order to be as transparent as possible. As a district, we often communicate with families and staff when something unexpected or negative happens at school and wanted to be sure to celebrate good news around the health and safety of students. I hope you find this information comforting and informative.

Detailed sample results for all schools being tested this year are posted publicly. Anyone can view them at the following link: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/environment/lead-safety/test-and-fix-water-for-kids>. Results may take up to 30 days to be posted on this web page.

This message will also be shared with our Zach families today.

Thank you,
Poudre School District

What is the Pack Pantry?

The Pack Pantry is a community resource for anyone in need of:

- clothing (infants-adult, coats, gloves, hats, and more)
- food supplies (canned goods, pasta, fresh fruits/vegetables when available, and more)
- toiletries (toilet paper, diapers, toothpaste, toothbrushes and more)

The Gary Bamford
PACK PANTRY
BAMFORD ELEMENTARY
A PROJECT HEART SCHOOL

Where is the Pack Pantry?

The Pack Pantry is
located at

Bamford Elementary
6055 Travers Stakes St,
Loveland, CO 80538

When is it open?

Saturday, Jan 28 9:00-11:00 am

Tuesday, Feb 7 3:00-5:00 pm

Saturday, Feb 25 9:00-11:00 am

Tuesday, Mar 7 3:00-5:00 pm

Saturday, Mar 25 9:00-11:00 am

Tuesday, Apr 11 3:00-5:00 pm

Saturday, Apr 29 9:00-11:00 am

Tuesday, May 9 3:00-5:00 pm

For more information & how to support the Pantry

- Visit our student-designed Pack Pantry website:

<http://bit.ly/3PnpxSa>

- Email us at
bamfordpackpantry@gmail.com



6055 Travers Stakes St, Loveland, CO 80538

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6	7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pizza Bites Chicken Nuggets Cold Deli Meat & Goldfish ColdDeli Yogurt & Goldfish or Pretzels Pb&J Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Nugget Dipping Sauces Assorted Italian Condiments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hamburger & Cheeseburger Mac & Cheese Cold Deli Meat & Goldfish ColdDeli Yogurt & Goldfish or Pretzels Pb&J Sandwich Green Beans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Patty Sandwich Chef Salad & Roll Cold Deli Meat & Goldfish ColdDeli Yogurt & Goldfish or Pretzels Pb&J Sandwich Steamed Veggies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beef Taco & Rice Chicken Strips Cold Deli Meat & Goldfish ColdDeli Yogurt & Goldfish or Pretzels Pb&J Sandwich Black Beans Nugget Dipping Sauces Mexican Condiments-ELEM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Cold Deli Meat & Goldfish ColdDeli Yogurt & Goldfish or Pretzels Pb&J Sandwich Peas Assorted Italian Condiments
10	11	12	13	14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meatball Sandwich Cheese Calzone & Marinara Cold Deli Meat & Roll Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll Pb&J Sandwich Corn Assorted Italian Condiments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lasagna with Veggies Chicken Drumstick & Roll Cold Deli Meat & Roll Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll Pb&J Sandwich Green Beans Assorted Italian Condiments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orange Chicken & Rice Chicken Nuggets Cold Deli Meat & Roll Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll Pb&J Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Nugget Dipping Sauces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Burrito Hot Dog Cold Deli Meat & Roll Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll Pb&J Sandwich Refried Beans Mexican Condiments-ELEM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Hummus & Veggie Box Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll Pb&J Sandwich Steamed Carrots Assorted Italian Condiments
17	18	19	20	21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken & Waffles Chicken Caesar Wrap Cold Deli Meat & Pretzels Cold Deli Yogurt & Pretzel or Goldfish Pb&J Sandwich Steamed Broccoli 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Tacos & Rice Pizza Bites Cold Deli Meat & Pretzels Cold Deli Yogurt & Pretzel or Goldfish Pb&J Sandwich Black Beans Mexican Condiments-ELEM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asian Meatballs & Rice Chicken Patty Sandwich Cold Deli Meat & Pretzels Cold Deli Yogurt & Pretzel or Goldfish Pb&J Sandwich Steamed Veggies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mac & Cheese Cheese Calzone & Marinara Cold Deli Meat & Pretzels Cold Deli Yogurt & Pretzel or Goldfish Pb&J Sandwich Green Beans Assorted Italian Condiments 	
24	25	26	27	28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pork Chop Sandwich Cheese Ravioli & Roll Cold Deli Meat & Roll Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll Pb&J Sandwich Corn Assorted Italian Condiments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken Drumstick & Roll Yogurt Parfait Cold Deli Meat & Roll Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll Pb&J Sandwich Green Beans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese Fish Sticks Cold Deli Meat & Roll Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll Pb&J Sandwich Tomato Basil Soup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beef & Bean Burrito Hot Dog Cold Deli Meat & Roll Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll Pb&J Sandwich Refried Beans Mexican Condiments-ELEM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Cold Deli Meat & Roll Cold Deli Yogurt & Roll Pb&J Sandwich Steamed Carrots Assorted Italian Condiments

Food Offered Daily: Salad Bar , Fruit Salad , Assorted Salad Dressings , Whole Wheat Dinner Roll , Chocolate Milk , Milk fat free , Milk low fat 1% , Assorted Condiments